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by JON CARDINAN

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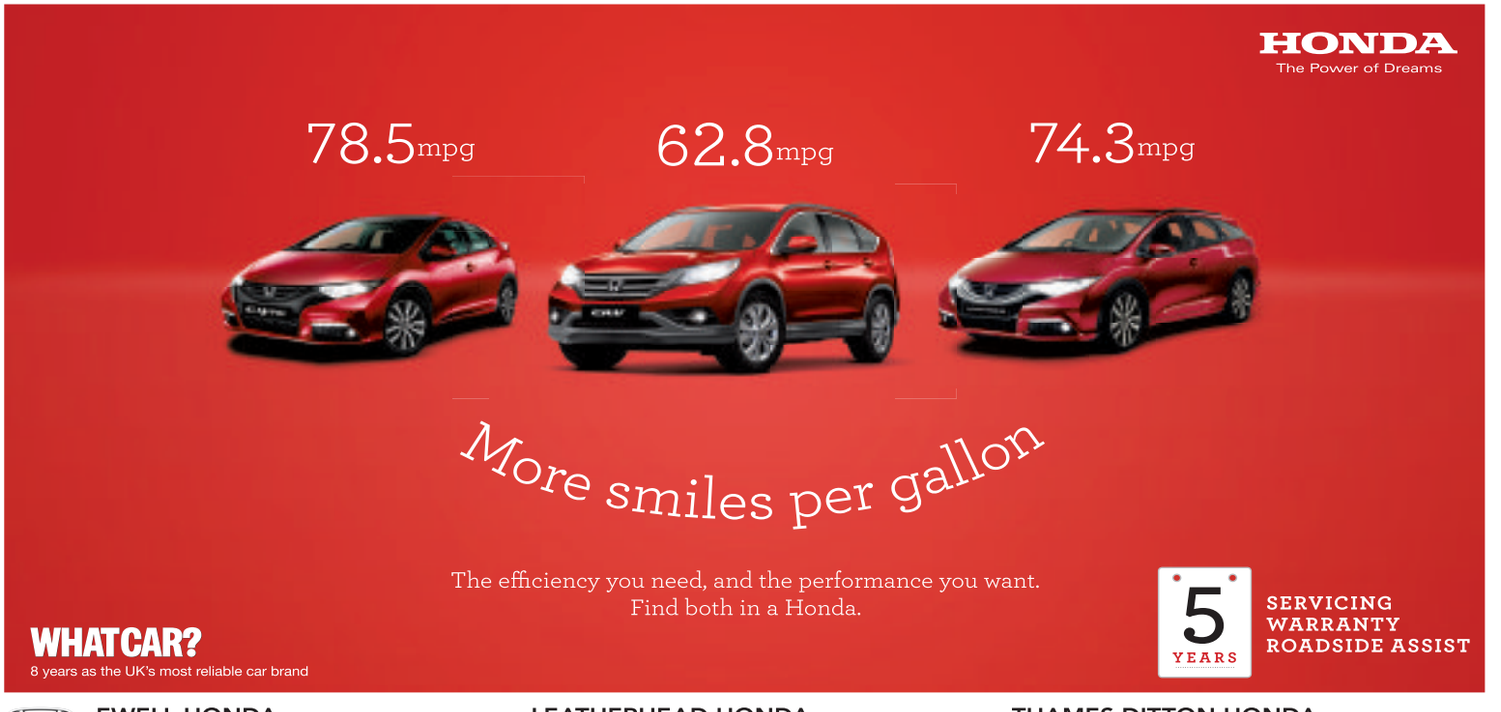

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Jury rules man who stabbed ex-girlfriend's lover to death after row had 'lost control'

by JON SHARMAN
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A man who stabbed his ex-girlfriend's lover to death has been found not guilty of murder after the jury heard he lost control.

Andrew Nichols, 45, knifed electrical engineer Colin Bolton in the chest on the Kingsnympton estate last June.

Mr Bolton had "goaded" him about sleeping with girlfriend Michelle Dooley, the Old Bailey heard.

Paramedics pronounced Mr Bolton, 28, of Sheephouse Way, Old Malden, dead after he was carried outside a flat in Thursley House.

Nichols, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter before his trial, will be sentenced on Friday, March 14.

A jury returned its verdict on Tuesday afternoon after a day of deliberation.

Prosecutors had said Nichols, of Fordham, Excelsior Close on the Cambridge Road estate, killed Mr Bolton intentionally in a "jealous rage".

Nichols' defence team said he had lost control of himself after repeated taunts from Mr Bolton, who barrister Lewis Power QC said was "lording it" over Nichols.

Mr Bolton had posted about his new relationship on Facebook and given Nichols, who has an IQ of 57 according to recent tests, a photo of himself and Miss Dooley kissing.

Killed: Colin Bolton

Roger Thornton, in whose flat the stabbing took place, told the court last week his old school friend Nichols seemed a "totally different person to what I have known" when he saw him attacking Mr Bolton, stabbing him seven times.

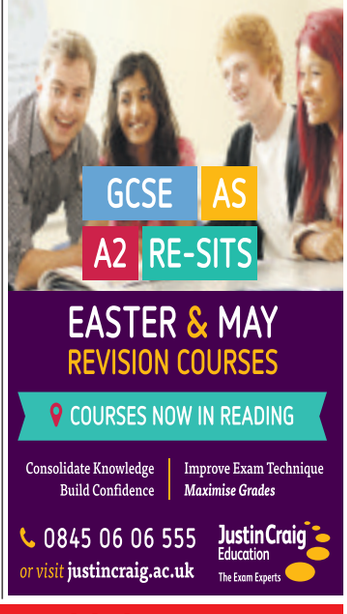
Nichols is an only child, whose parents split when he was very young, the court heard.

Until the stabbing he lived with his mother, having suffered a nervous breakdown in 1995 and had not worked in more than a decade.

Nichols told the court he could not remember stabbing Mr Bolton, but knew later he had done something wrong.

After leaving Mr Thornton's flat he withdrew £300 and went to see his brother in Havant, Hampshire, where he was arrested on Tuesday, June 11 last year, the day after the attack.

❑ See tomorrow's Surrey Comet for more.



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'U-turn' over Tamil school's £4k grant

by NAZIA DEWJI
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The chairman of a New Malden Tamil weekend school has accused Kingston Council of a u-turn, after its annual grant was cut thanks to a new funding policy.

The Surrey Tamil School, at Coombe Boys' School in College Gardens, will only receive £2,500 funding this year, despite being told in May 2013 it would get £4,000 annually until 2015.

Kingston Council reviewed its £1.5m culture and language organisations funding and will now only support one organisation per language in the borough.

But the council gave £9,000 to rival Kingston Tamil School at Tolworth Girls' School – £3,000 less than last year.

Surrey Tamil School's chairman of governors S Tharapayan wrote to Kingston Council leader Councillor Liz Green.

Mr Tharapayan wrote: "The news of your decision to make a full u-turn on the previous written commitments came as a deep shock and we find it extremely hard to comprehend.

"Our school has become the victim of the recent unfair policies of the Liberal Democrat administration, which will no doubt have a major impact on the excellent services that we have been providing to our community for the last five years or so."

Councillor Green said: "Because Surrey Tamil School had received funding before, we did not want to drop them off the cliff edge, which is why we gave them £2,500.

"We just cannot afford to fund two Tamil schools to the detriment of other community organisations we support.

"They weren't the only ones not to get what they would have liked."

Councillor Howard Jones, leader of the opposition, said: "If you are going to give the money to one school and not the other because you class them as the same culture, what you are not taking into account is that they may be from different backgrounds with competing interests.

"I don't think the judgement was right."

Lib Dem Councillor Yogan Yoganathan said: "I abstained from the vote because it did not make good across the whole of the community language schools.

"There was no consistency in dealing with all the language schools.

"There was also no opportunity to look into the surpluses already at these schools – some of them may have a significant amount."

Conservative Councillor Gaj Wallooppillai, who is of Tamil heritage, said: "This will be viewed by all residents as a step backwards in inter-community relations."

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Music: An event at Kingston Tamil School in 2009
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Politicians defend Davey's paternity leave

Political allies and enemies have defended Kingston and Surbiton MP Edward Davey after he was criticised for taking paternity leave.

The 48-year-old Energy Secretary became a father for the second time on Friday last week, after his wife Emily Gasson gave birth to a daughter at Kingston Hospital.

An unnamed Whitehall source told the Daily Mail ministers and officials were astonished Mr Davey would take paternity leave at the same time as 16,000 homes had lost power due to flooding.

They said: "There is open-mouthed disbelief he has just downed tools and gone."

Before Mr Davey left he said in a statement: "I am going on two weeks' paternity leave and am really looking forward to spending what will be an exciting time with my family.

"I will be getting daily updates from my office and returning for cabinet and department questions."

He is expected to return to work on March 3, although he will do his normal constituency surgery on Friday.

Zac Goldsmith, Conservative MP for neighbouring Richmond Park and father-of-four, declined to criticise Mr Davey.

He said: "I am very pleased for Ed and wish him and his family well."

Mr Davey's Labour rival for Kingston and Surbiton, parliamentary candidate Lee Godfrey, said: "I am not going to score political points. I think it was OK.

"There were plenty of other Government ministers on board to look after things."

Kingston Council leader Councillor Liz Green, a mother-of-two, said: "I cannot understand why people would attack a father for taking a short period of time off.

"I am sure he is working far harder than he possibly should be, because that is his nature. His family do need him."

On Twitter MissP said: "Ed Davey should take paternity leave – he cannot change the weather, but he can change a nappy."

Mr Davey also has a son John, six, who cannot walk or talk due to an undiagnosed disability.

Nappy days are here again: Edward Davey

❑ Was Edward Davey right to take paternity leave during the floods? Email us at letters@kingstonguardian.co.uk.

Petition hopes to ring changes on K4 bus service

Kingston's Liberal Democrats are petitioning Transport for London (TfL) to alter one of the borough's bus services.

The petition concerns the K4 route, which runs between Kingston and Hook from Monday to Saturday.

The Lib Dems want the K4 to run more frequently than every half hour, the introduction of a Sunday service, and the inclusion of Woodgate Avenue on its journey.

A spokesman for London TravelWatch said: "We support the idea of a Sunday service on the K4 route, which would bring it into line with other similar services.

"We are concerned about the route's recent performance and would expect TfL to take measures to improve its reliability, which performance reports show to be poor."

Users of the K4 service have said the route disadvantages people living near Woodgate Avenue, including residents of two large housing complexes.

Unreliability, irregularity, and overcrowding have also been cited as the K4's biggest problems.

Helen Robinson, a K4 user, said: "Additional services would be brilliant. It's not a very reliable service and I frequently find the bus full, particularly in the evenings.

"I know that a lot of people who would benefit from these changes."

London Transport Buses (LTB) threatened to cut the K4 bus service in 2001, but was persuaded not to do so by MP Edward Davey.

LTB also promised to add new services to the route, but this has failed to ease problems facing users.

❑ What do you think? Email letters@kingstonguardian.co.uk.

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‘Benefit fears’ of son hit by train on 46th birthday

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A man hit by a train at Surbiton station is believed to have committed suicide on his 46th birthday.

Neil Groves turned 46 on the day he died and planned an evening in with his father, with a few cans of beer and some crisps in front of the television – a regular weekend ritual.

Police said his death on Thursday, February 13, just after 7.30pm, was not being treated as suspicious.

His 78-year-old father Ronald Groves, of Manordene Close in Thames Ditton, said: “He was happy here. He had a happy home. He liked watching TV programmes like Only Fools and Horses – comedies, he liked.

“He liked to do crosswords. Often if I couldn’t finish he would do it, or if he couldn’t finish I would do it.”

Neil had had an “unsettled childhood” and did not fit in at school, his father said.

He said: “His mother left when he was 20 months old so then I brought the three children up.

“I carried on a full time job at the Milk Marketing Board until I retired.

Sad loss: Neil Groves, right, with his father Ronald

“He had never really worked. He had a few jobs when he left school.”

Mr Groves’ father said he believed a potential change to his son’s employment and support allowance (ESA) benefit “must have” weighed on Mr Groves.

He said: “He has obviously had it in his mind. They basically told him that his assessment was coming up again.

“He knew it probably would be the end of his sickness and disability and he would go back on to [jobseeker’s allowance].

“He said he would not be able to manage on that wage a week. It is all part and parcel of it.”

Mr Groves had received incapacity benefit for some years, his father said, which was stopped after an assessment, and he was not moved on to ESA.

He later won an appeal against the decision.

He had recently had chronic depression diagnosed, and claimed sickness benefit and jobseeker’s allowance.

Mr Groves’ uncle, Alan, said he had taken to walking his dogs as well after an accident. He had a labrador, Buster.

He said: “I couldn’t have managed without him. He was a caring person.

“He loved the dog. He’s left him behind. He had family around him – it is not as if he was one of those loners.

“He didn’t have a good start.”

His family said Neil had not left a note.

His uncle said: “We don’t think there was anything malicious.”

A witness to his death, standing opposite platform 2 when the 16.24 Exeter to London Waterloo service passed through, said: “It took me 10 or 15 minutes to convince the railway staff that someone had been killed.

“I don’t know, really, how it occurred. I witnessed the second after and all that happened after that, which was pretty horrific.”

❑ Did you know Neil? Leave a tribute by emailing news desk@kingstonguardian.co.uk.

Where you can get support

Help exists for people worried about their benefits or other issues:

- Theo Harris, chief executive of the Kingston Centre for Independent Living said: “We work with a lot of people who, although they haven’t experienced any change yet, are worried about the change.” KCIL provides support for help with benefits on 020 8546 9603.
- The Mind charity promotes the views and needs of people with mental health problems. Its helpline number is 03001 233393.
- To get in touch with the Samaritans in Kingston, call 020 8399 6676 or drop in at 12 St Andrew’s Road, Surbiton. Samaritans lend a confidential ear to those in emotional distress, but do not give advice.

Quaker building ‘one of greenest’

The chairman of the Kingston Society said she was “excited” about a new Quaker building in the town centre.

The building, in Fairfield East, is set to open in the spring.

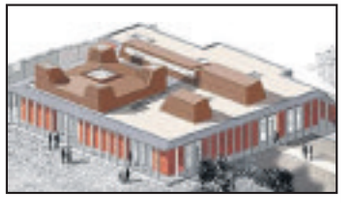
Quaker representatives met with the society on Wednesday evening last week to discuss construction work.

Kingston Society chairman Jennifer Butterworth said: “We are very excited to see what the final design looks like, especially the garden, which will be very important.

“After three attempts it has now taken them since 1990 to finally move premises. A lot of thought has gone into this.”

Kingston Quaker Dr Martin Birley said: “This will be one of the greenest community buildings in Kingston.

“We hope it will inspire users to become aware of solutions and strategies for sustainable living and energy use.”



Plans: The Quaker meeting house

The new centre will replace the existing meeting house in Eden Street – which is owned by next-door Primark and was invaded by squatters in 2012.

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Bringing Change Home

Trading places

Late: Traders moved to nearby Memorial Gardens because of over-running work, above KT83200

by ROSS LOGAN
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Market traders say they could go out of business after they were told they will be forced out for seven weeks by over-running building works.

Traders were told they had until last Sunday to move to temporary stalls set up in Memorial Gardens to allow Balfour Beatty to finish underground drainage work and paving on the £5m scheme.

In a letter to stallholders, Kingston Council's project manager Mark Teasdale said: "Having made a commitment to traders to keep you in the market place during the building works, I would rather not be writing to you now with this news.

"However, we are where we are and now need to work with you to make the best of a very difficult situation."

Traders were able to move into their new stalls in Memorial Gardens from Friday and had to be in place by the end of last weekend.

Stallholders will not be charged rent during the relocation period, provided they trade at least five days a week while at Memorial Gardens.

The market will be moved back to its usual site by Sunday, April 13.

One stallholder, who did not want to be named, said: "I don't think we really have a choice. It's a case of like it or lump it, and just try and make the best of it.

"I do think the new market is going to look fantastic, and the market did need to change, but the problem has been the way the project has been approached.

"It's been organised very badly and it's been disappointing.

"We've gone through a very hard time. Trade has dropped significantly and we feel we haven't been supported like we could have been. Some traders could go out of business from what I've heard.

"There's always a lot of gossip in markets, but I do think it is a possibility."

Thief is caught lead handed

A lead thief was caught in the act while lifting metal from the roof of a Tolworth school.

Carl Richardson, 33, of no fixed address, was charged with stealing an unknown quantity of roofing lead from Tolworth Girls' School in Fullers Way North.

He appeared at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on February 18, where he pleaded guilty.

He was remanded in custody, and will be sentenced at Kingston Crown Court at a later date.

Richardson was caught in the early hours of Monday, February 17, when a member of the public called police after seeing a man coming and going from the school.

A Kingston police spokesman said: "Police dogs also responded to the call and with their assistance a Stanley knife and quantity of lead were located close by.

"Officers also discovered that CCTV at the school had been obscured using a piece of wood and a bucket on a trolley had been used to assist in the removal of the lead."

Several schools in the borough have fallen victim to lead thefts since the turn of the year.

Nursery at the old PO

The old Kingston post office, which has been left empty by developers for more than 10 years, could become a children's nursery.

A planning application has been submitted to change the old sorting office in Eden Street into a children's play centre with a cafe.

Nick Wright from Hurricane Harry's has also asked Kingston Council for new entrance doors and minor changes to the interior of the listed building.

The sorting office, owned by developer Hammerson, has been left unused for more than 10 years, as plans to redevelop the eastern part of the town have stalled.

Peter Mason, of the campaign to bring the post office back into community use, said: "It is not quite what we campaigned for, but it does bring it back into play."

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1. A giant bat: Because conservation can be fun. The bat was brought along by the London Bat Group, and is pictured with Tuuli Bailey and Amelia Windsor Deadlinepix KT82629

Bystanders watched talcum miners, a giant, and families in full face paint march through Surbiton on Sunday for the 2014 Seething Festival. Reporter JON SHARMAN brings you 13 brilliant things from a fine day out...

Bemusement arcade

2. These gorgeous German Shepherds. Jodie and Prince are German Shepherds with a recessive gene which makes them look like miniature polar bears Jon Sharman

3. Morris dancers. What could be more British than morris dancers performing on an overcast day? Kingston Morris brightened up St Andrew's Square Deadlinepix KT82629

4. Stoic yet bemused police officers: Kingston police did a fine job of herding the selfie-taking giant guinea pigs, along with everyone else, through the streets Jon Sharman

5. Lamblord Adam Lewis' drive-by videography skills. An excellent effort Jon Sharman

6. The live music. Rosie Hopkins, one half of Super Spokes Deadlinepix KT82629

7. Alfie Rowden, clearly a discerning community festival-goer Deadlinepix KT82629

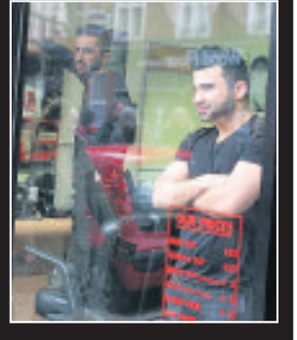
8. A terrifying giant, towering over Samuel Shrimpton, two, and dad Robert KT82629

9. This splendid chap. Simon Tyrrell and his excellent top hat Jon Sharman

10. Speaking of hats. A head-turning headpiece worn by Janet Lake KT82629

11. Did we mention hats? Deadlinepix KT82629

12. Oh go on, just one more Deadlinepix KT82629



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Brain damage compensation

by JON SHARMAN
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The family of a baby who suffered severe brain damage at birth have won compensation from the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Julian Leyster, now nearly four and who suffers from cerebral palsy, should have been born by caesarean section, but a doctor delayed the procedure by more than two hours.

His brain was starved of oxygen after his mother, Helen Leyster, from Surbiton, raised concerns she could no longer feel him moving.

Mrs Leyster, 42, said: "Julian is a lovely little boy and makes us smile with his cheeky personality. But the fact remains he will need 24-hour care for the rest of his life because of the mistakes during his birth. That is something we still struggle to come to terms with.

"At the moment we live as Julian's carers as well as parents, which is why we are so relieved the trust has admitted liability."

The family's lawyers said they had gained an admission of liability from the hospital.

Anita Jewitt from the Irwin Mitchell firm said such incidents "simply should not happen".

She said: "More action needs to be taken throughout the NHS to learn lessons to protect future patient safety."

A monthly patient survey revealed most respondents in December would be "extremely likely" to recommend maternity services at the hospital.

A Royal Surrey spokeswoman said: "We are very sad that in this tragic case the outcome of care has been so devastating for the child and his parents.

"We take all incidents where there has been a poor outcome very seriously and investigate thoroughly."

Brain damage: Julian Leyster

Thank you: Paul Rand with the staff who treated him at Kingston Hospital Deadlinepix KT83129

Patient thanks staff for 'miracle' of sight

A Surbiton man who was given cataract surgery at Kingston Hospital went back to thank the staff who restored his sight.

Paul Rand, 59, of Brighton Road, was treated at the Royal Eye Unit.

The sight in his right eye began to deteriorate some years ago.

He said: "I was watching telly, Emmerdale, and reading the Surrey Comet and starting to have difficulty. I couldn't see out of my right eye.

"Now I can see colours, everything, it is amazing.

"To get my sight back after all that time is a miracle.

"I want to thank Mr Muen, Dr Hurairah, Lisa Childs, Sheila Mettle, Iqbal Malik and Betty Onen."

The scene: This area of the Manor Drive was cordoned off by police

Pensioner's fatal fall from slow-moving car

by JON SHARMAN
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An elderly man died after falling from a slow-moving car in Worcester Park.

Paramedics were called to the Manor Drive, at about 11.30am on Friday, February 14, but John Tulley, 83, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said they believed Mr Tulley had fallen on to the pavement from a slow-moving vehicle.

His wife was too upset to speak at their home in Old Malden, last week.

The incident took place at the end of the Manor Drive, near to the Doris Venner Youth and Community Centre and the Manor Drive Medical Centre.

The road was cordoned off and a squadron of police and paramedic vehicles responded to the emergency call, witnesses said.

One witness said: "It was brilliant the way they tried to revive him. They took it in turns.

"The police came and they sealed the road off."

Doctors and nurses from the next-door medical centre rushed out to help Mr Tulley, a nearby worker said.

She said: "Before the ambulance came I think they worked on him, but he was too badly injured."

A London Ambulance spokeswoman said: "Extensive efforts were made to resuscitate [Mr Tulley], but sadly he died at the scene."

Resident Susan Taylor, who lives opposite the spot where Mr Tulley died, said: "It was round about the time when children were coming out [of the community centre] and the afternoon ones were going in."

A Kingston police spokesman said: "It is thought that the man fell on to the pavement from a slow-moving vehicle.

"He was not struck by any other vehicles."

Mr Tulley lived in nearby Idmiston Square, near Plough Green and Manor Park, Old Malden.

South West London Coroner's Court confirmed an inquest into his death had been opened and adjourned.

❑ Did you know Mr Tulley? To leave a tribute, write to letters@kingstonguardian.co.uk.

£47k makeover

New Malden shop fronts will get a spruce-up after a scheme to improve their appearance was approved.

The Maldens and Coombe neighbourhood committee approved an allocation of £47,835 for the makeovers of 12 shops in New Malden High Street.

Revamp: New Malden shops KT83146

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Fortunate to have theatre

I love the Rose. Most of all I love the international youth arts festival and the opportunities to see so much entertaining stuff by young people mainly from the area, but also from across the globe.

Sometimes the plays are not for me, but mostly the plays are excellent, and sometimes breathtaking. ByMoonLight's East and Pardoner's Tale were up there with the very best I have ever seen anywhere.

I accept that there are demands on council budgets. We want everything paid for but local authority budgets are finite.

I think investing in fun, is a great way of spending some of our money. It is also an investment helping to build pride and reputation and a thriving restaurant and drinking area on the back of the theatre. Of course I do not want potholes, of course I want smaller class sizes and better resources in schools as well, and no doubt I would like better sewage systems. I think, however, we have a reasonable balance.

I like lots of different cultures. The film club in the Grey Horse, football at Kingsmeadow, comedy at the Fighting Cocks, music at Banquet Records.

Let us start using the town more – and accept that theatre provides many knock-on benefits. We might like to think more about how we use theatre space. Already Kingston schools use it for singing competitions, for concerts, and I have seen some great comedy and music there. Maybe we should spend more time thinking what can go into the theatre that we would support, rather than bemoaning its very existence.

It is one of the things that helps to make Kingston a first rate place to live. Enjoy and cherish it – you will find it rewarding.

CHRIS BROOKES
Via email

Yet another carping, sniping letter about the Rose Theatre (How about the rest of us?, February 20), from someone who seems to know the cost of everything and the value of nothing.

We are so fortunate to have a first class theatre to rank with any in the West End, with performances and shows that appeal to a wide age range, bringing young people to the theatre as well as the adult audience.

I have enjoyed high quality performances of Shakespeare, Ibsen and contemporary playwrights by both touring companies and the Rose company, wonderful evenings with world class musicians, choral evenings with local choirs, festivals featuring local young people and comedy evenings.

This is all that a community arts venue should be and we would do well to value and appreciate all that the Rose has achieved, under difficult financial constraints.

It is a focus for arts and culture, bringing in audiences of all ages to experience top quality drama, entertainment and music, opening up minds and hearts to the joy of live performance.

The council has chosen to spend a vast amount of taxpayers' revenue on renovating the market area, incurring maximum disruption, noise and inconvenience to retailers and shoppers through the main Christmas shopping period.

The end result so far appears to be wide areas of expensive brickwork as part of an aspiration to bring more nightlife activity into the area.

The Rose already does this – many of the theatre audience spending their money in the local restaurants before or after performances.

Time to give this great theatre the recognition and support it deserves.

JENNY BOURNE
Kingston

Tesco plan benefits

I cannot understand the mentality of Kingston councillors rejecting the idea of a new Tesco store, with a hotel and 269 new houses, on derelict land in Tolworth.

Housing is, of course, a market for a wider region. I would not necessarily expect elected councillors in any particular place to welcome the local housing of an enlarged population. Nor perhaps would they feel the slightest responsibility for the obvious fact that a hostile planning environment for new house building everywhere adds up to a big problem for younger people trying to set up home.

However, the local politicians might have considered the possible benefits to some of their own electors of more job opportunities, in both construction and the permanent uses of the store and the hotel – not to mention the benefits of a competitive food retailer coming to Tolworth.

Before I moved to this area, I was an elected councillor in Lambeth in the 1970s, when Lambeth and Wandsworth councils were jointly planning an "overspill" development of council housing on another Tolworth site.

I was not surprised when the then Kingston politicians rejected that scheme (though I was disappointed when that rejection was upheld on appeal by central Government in 1978).

I thought the present generation of Kingston councillors might take a more favourable view of a scheme that offered so much more for people already living in the area.

ANDY THOMPSON
Worcester Park

Remember Lt Clewes

I am pleased that Kingston's Memorial Garden is to be restored after the damage caused by the Christmas fair. I hope due thought will be given to protecting the grave of Lt Josiah Clewes, Kingston's real-life Sharpe.

JOSEPH HAND, Old Malden

Police wasting time snooping on pavement cyclists

I was amazed on February 13 to see two policemen hiding in an alcove on Hampton Court bridge trying to catch cyclists riding on the pavement.

With flooding and possible civil unrest across our borough, surely the police could be better deployed?

Why will the police not use their discretion? Roads are in such poor condition now that most "cycle lanes" are dangerous, and cycling on the pavement must help the flow of traffic on roads such as Hampton Court bridge.

SIMON LEWIS
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Hanna Castelino

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Stephen Trower

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To find out more, come along to the open day at Carshalton College on Wednesday, March 5 and Kingston College on Thursday, March 6. Alternatively, email rebecca.reid@kingston-college.ac.uk or call 020 8268 2857.

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Police release Alps gun collector

Sketch: The distinctive headgear

by DAVID LINDSELL
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A former policeman questioned by French investigators over the murder of the Al-Hilli family has been "cleared" of involvement in their deaths.

Eric Devouasoux, 48, was arrested on Tuesday last week in a town near to where the Claygate Al-Hilli family were attacked after inquiries into the distinctive headgear of a motorcyclist seen near the Chevaline killings in September 2012.

He was released a day early from his four-day arrest. However he, and a friend arrested the day after, are still being investigated on arms trafficking offences.

A stash of weapons was found at his home including a Luger similar to, but not the same as, the weapon which was used to murder the Al-Hilli family and French cyclist Sylvain Mollier, 45.

French prosecutor Eric Maillaud told Le Figaro newspaper: "If no link between the former policeman and the killings has been found for now, that does not necessarily mean that it will not be found in the future.

"If we are talking about a random killing, it is almost inevitable that investigators cannot establish a motive."

Saad Al-Hilli, 50, was found shot to death in his car with his wife Iqbal and her mother, while a French cyclist was also found shot dead nearby.

The two Al-Hilli children, both former pupils of Claygate School, survived the attack.

Zainab, then seven, was shot and pistol whipped by the gunman, but survived the attack and Zeena, then four, escaped unharmed after she hid beneath her mother's skirt.

Saad's brother, Zaid al-Hilli, of North Parade, Chessington learned in January he would face no charges.

He told Sky News the two arrests were "better than nothing".

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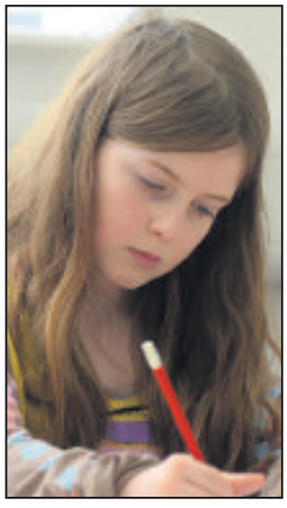

Sketches: Cartoonist Morag Lewis, left; Poppy Humphreys at work, right

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Drawing Manga

Children on half-term holidays were shown how to draw Manga style at Hook library on Saturday last week.

Cartoonist Morag Lewis was at the library in the Hook Centre to teach youngsters how to create their characters using the hugely popular Japanese art form.

Chance to grill Boris

Free tickets are available for the People's Question Time in Old Malden.

Residents will be able to grill London Mayor Boris Johnson on transport, housing, employment and policing at Richard Challoner School in Manor Drive North on Wednesday, March 26 from 7pm.

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Vibe SHORTS

GOOD CRACK: Three top comedians will be cracking up pub-goers in Kingston this weekend. Jeff Innocent, Rob Collins and Tom Webb will be appearing at the Grey Horse's Crack Comedy night on Saturday, March 1.

● **Crack Comedy; Grey Horse, Richmond Road, Kingston; Saturday, March 1; 8pm; £13 (£12.50 adv, £8.50 concs); visit crackcomedy.com or call 020 8549 9790.**

SPANISH SOUNDS: Celebrated Flamenco guitarist Juan Martin will bring his unique Spanish sound to the Rose this weekend. The Andalucian virtuoso, voted one of the world's top three guitarists by Guitar Player magazine, performs at the Rose on Sunday, March 2.

● **Juan Martin; Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston; Sunday, March 2; £12 to £17.50; visit rosetheatrekingston.org or call 08444 821556.**

FOLLOWER OF FASHION: Still looking for that perfect trench coat to keep you warm and stylish through the rest of the winter? Check out the best affordable options with our new fashion columnist Frances Bacon at **kingstonguardian.co.uk/schoolrunstyle**.

METRO LAND

Electropop group Metronomy will be making a welcome return to Kingston next week, *writes Kit Sproson*.

The Brighton quartet will be heading back to Banquet Records' New Slang night on Thursday for the first time in six years, for a launch show in support of new album Love Letters.

The group last wowed fans at New Slang in 2008 – and a lot has changed in that time.

Back then, it was difficult to know whether the band were even a band – lead singer and principle songwriter Joseph Mount had essentially recorded second album Nights Out on his own, with friends Gabriel Stebbing and Oscar Cash helping out.

Fast forward to today and Metronomy are very much an ensemble, albeit with Stebbing since departed and Anna Prior and Olugbenga Adelekan joining Mount and Cash.

Love Letters is their fourth studio album and is set for release on March 10, following up from their 2011 album The English Riviera, which received a Mercury Prize nomination.

The band are well known for their live performances, which include routines and light shows. Notably they like to push light sticks to their chests.

Most recently radio DJ Zane Lowe named Metronomy's upcoming single Love Letters as the "hottest record in the world".

Banquet Records manager Jon Tolley says: "New Slang is uber excited to welcome back Metronomy to play an album release show the week before Love Letters is released.

"The album has already been picking up some excellent reviews and we cannot wait to hear these new songs live – indie-synth-pop beauties galore."

As always, the music carries on long after the bands have finished, with DJs playing indie hits until 2am.

METRONOMY

● **Metronomy; New Slang, McClusky's, Thames Street, Kingston; Thursday, March 6; 9pm; £12; banquetrecords.com.**

BLANC EXPRESSION

Michelin-starred TV chef Raymond Blanc will be demonstrating his cooking prowess in Kingston next week.

The self-taught Frenchman will show off the capabilities of his new cookware range during a live demonstration at the Living Kitchen inside Bentalls department store on Thursday.

He will then be signing copies of his new book, Kitchen Secrets.

Blanc is one of the most recognised and respected chefs working in Britain.

His luxury hotel/restaurant Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Milton, Oxfordshire, has been awarded two Michelin stars, and is a popular destination for the rich and famous.

Blanc is also responsible for training several chefs who have now become famous in their own right, including Marco Pierre White and chocolatier William Curley.

Visitors to Bentalls on Thursday can also enter a prize draw for a chance of winning a selection of the Blanc's new cookware range, which includes bakeware, knives, tools and gadgets.

● **Raymond Blanc; Bentall's department store, Wood Street, Kingston; Thursday, March 6; cooking demonstration noon to 1pm; book signing 1.30pm to 2.30pm; prize draw runs from Thursday March 6 to Sunday, March 9; call 020 8546 1001 or visit bentalls.co.uk for more.**

RAYMOND BLANC

NEW CLUB IS PUTTING THE SOUL INTO KINGSTON

A new northern soul club playing all the hits from the 60s and 70s is making a return to Kingston for an all day party next month.

After a highly successful debut in January, the Kingston Soul Club will return to Kingston Men's Working Club in Old London Road on Saturday, March 15.

Organiser and DJ Dennis Hyde will be spinning a mix of motown, R&B, 60s and 70s soul, and there will also be appearances from Ann Taylor, Keith Robinson, and special guest Alfie of Southampton Soul Club.

Hyde says: "Our music is all about dance, all about people feeling that feeling. The music gets to you.

"Our first one in January attracted a large crowd, so this is a mini all-dayer from 4.30pm until midnight with the best northern soul, Motown, 60s-70s soul, R&B

"The people get the beat and the rhythm.

"Our scene is also social – it gets the people together like a big community."

Kingston Soul Club; Kingston Working Men's Club, Kingston; Saturday, March 15; 4pm-midnight; £6; email ann@soulnites.co.uk; 020 8339 9363.

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GOING WALKIES?

On a warm summer's day or a crisp winter's morning, dog walking can be the ideal weekend activity, *writes Amy Dyduch*.

But what about times when a lot of the south is under water, or during the deer rutting season in the royal parks, asks Doggy Day Care owner Bruce Casalis.

The 29-year-old dog-lover, who owns the ultimate "nursery for dogs" in Cobham, looks after pooches across Surrey and south-west London.

Casalis, from Tooting Bec, says: "One of the big problems is the weather. In the summer people say 'You have got the best job in the world'. But it is just dire when it is raining and cold.

"You have got to truly love dogs. We find that in the summer we get so many applications because people just want to be outside in the nice weather, but if you don't really, really love dogs, you'll get found out pretty quickly."

The mutt-mad Casalis, owner of two working labradors, Rio and Roosha, looks after the pets on his three five-acre dog centre sites.

Casalis says he thought of the idea for the centres, which include swimming pools, agility courses, heated indoor areas, gazebos and big comfy dog beds, when he ran into trouble while dog walking.

He says: "What you soon realise is that walking four or six dogs is very different to walking your own one dog. A much higher standard of care is needed and you face all sorts of problems such as unfriendly other dogs, mums, runners and deer."

The centre is designed to be a dogs' playground paradise, where the pet can go to see its poochy pals and return home exercised and relaxed.

Casalis says: "All the dogs know each other and all the staff know each other. It is like an extended family for dogs. Some of the full-day dogs have best pals who come for the afternoon session so you see them get excited in the afternoon. It is like in those films where the dogs are in slow-motion running towards each other."

Find professional dog walkers at: ● Bruce's Doggy Day Care; Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3PU; **brucesdoggydaycare.co.uk**. ● Premier Dog Walking; Putney, Barnes, Sheen, Mortlake, Richmond; **premierdogwalking.co.uk**. ● The Dog Squad; Richmond, Twickenham, Hampton, Teddington, Shepperton, Weybridge, Walton, Hersham, Molesey, Esher, Claygate; **thedogsquad.co.uk**.

Furry friends: Bruce Casalis with Rio and Roosha Deadlinepix EL74451

Friday folk

Another busy month of top folk music has been announced by the Ram Club in Thames Ditton.

The weekly event at the Old Cranleighan Club welcomes in March with a performance by award-winning fiddle player Tom McConville and up-and-coming guitarist Andy Watt.

McConville was named best musician at the 2009 BBC Folk Awards for his virtuoso performances in both traditional and contemporary styles. The proud Geordie recently released new album Tommy on Song, and you can expect a few numbers from his latest record.

Continuing the north-east connection, Watt is a graduate of Newcastle University's folk music course, and is developing a reputation as a hugely talented guitarist and mandolinist.

● **Tom McConville and Andy Watts; the Ram Club, the Old Cranleighan Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton; Friday, March 7, 8.15pm; £10 (members £9); theramclub.co.uk.**

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UNLEASH THE HOUNDS

Hearing the roar of the crowd as one of the graceful greyhounds crosses the finishing line typifies the atmosphere of a night at the dogs, *writes Becky Middleton*.

Groups of friends of all ages cheer them on from the concrete terraces and the warmer indoor restaurant that overlooks the track.

As a newcomer to the world of greyhound racing, I went for a night at the Wimbledon greyhound stadium with an open mind and loose change ready to win big.

As with all best-laid plans, it did not quite work out that way. I won one race, but not big, but it is the thrill of the chase that gives the evening its excitement.

The Grandstand Restaurant has fancily named dishes such as roasted confit of pork belly, Ardennes country pate and grilled fillet of salmon teriyaki. The latter was blackened and swimming in oil and the chunky chips could have done with less time in the fryer. Colleagues did not manage to get the right sauce with their steaks but enjoyed them nonetheless.

On a more positive note, the vanilla lemon twist cheesecake was lovely, as was the leek and potato soup as a starter.

The fact the races are so fast-paced and held at short intervals throughout the evening is a bonus, as there is never a dull moment.

The Plough Lane, Wimbledon, stadium has been mired in controversy as the debate rages on as to whether it should be spruced up as a greyhound track or see AFC Wimbledon moving in instead.

It is hard not to spot the rough-around-the-edges style of the stadium itself, and a lick of paint and the opening up of one side of the track would do wonders for its appeal. Or would it lose its gritty appeal if it was sparkling and new? That remains to be seen.

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BEING GENUINE Genuine, attractive, slimmish Croydon female, 61, 5'8'', auburn hair, youthful, loves classical music, theatre, France and much more, looking for a tall, nons-moking gent, for a lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 468587 or send a text to 80360**

HOPING FOR THE BEST Mixed race Harrow female, 61, looking for an Asian man, for friendship and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 155644 or send a text to 80360**

INTO THE FUTURE Lively, active Surrey lady, 62, likes country walks, the beach, dance music and dancing, looking for a nice, kind, caring gent, 55-68, for fun, laughter and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 126334 or send a text to 80360**

FRIENDLY AND KIND Friendly, thoughtful, attractive 65 year old South Croydon female, widow, looking to find a gentleman, for friendship and companionship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 162656 or send a text to 80360**

YOU MIGHT BE LUCKY Outgoing, brown-eyed Surbiton lady, 66, long dark hair, likes cooking, eating out, dancing and holidays abroad, seeking a nice gent, for companionship and lots more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 461376**

THE SIMPLE PLEASURES Friendly, sincere and dedicated London female, widow, 67. Enjoys socialising, music, travelling. WLTM a genuine man, N/S, who is fair & loyal, to share peaceful, loving & harmonious relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 159455 or send a text to 80360**

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ANYONE INTERESTING? Easy-going, sociable, 60 year old Epsom female, love to sing and dance, enjoys latin music. Ideal male partner would be affectionate as I am very tactile, wants to share life experiences. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 164263 or send a text to 80360**

A FRESH START Genuine, caring, loving, 61 year old Surrey female, would like to hear from a genuine male, in his 50s who is a non-smoker. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 165473**

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LET'S DANCE! Blonde, outgoing Epsom woman, 63, blue eyes, active, 5'2'', likes dancing, gardening, meals out, socialising and adventure, seeking a similar gentleman, fit, funny and genuine, for company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 122940**

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EVERYTHING I DO Warm-hearted, organised and reliable London-based Russian girl, 64, searching for an exciting, articulate man, for good times and great company. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143020**

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THE ONLY ONE Positive, thoughtful and kind-hearted London male, 55, 5'8'', would like to meet a warm, steady female, to build a loving relationship with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 141003 or send a text to 80360**

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WARM ROMANTIC Friendly, charming, 58 year old Surrey male, medium build, 6'3''. I would like to meet a larger lady, with a warm heart & looking for similar things, romance, a laugh & sharing quality time together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 164000 or send a text to 80360**

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE... Sincere, 58 year old London male, enjoy dancing, singing, gardening, amateur dramatics and cooking, own car, home, WLTM a similar female companion for friendship initially and maybe a relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 165746 or send a text to 80360**

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YOUNG HEART, YOUNG MIND Fit, fun-loving Epsom gent, 59, 6ft, medium build, youthful outlook on life, looking for a like-minded, feminine lady, with GSOH, for a lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 148813**

UNDER THE STARS non-smoking Epsom male, 60, 6ft, medium build, own home/s, trustworthy, easygoing and solvent, enjoys dining, theatre, music and travel, searching for a similar woman, for lasting relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 143338**

IT COULD BE FOREVER Single chap, 60, 5'11'', medium build, from Redhill, likes the simple things in life, looking for an easygoing and loving female, for companionship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 109068 or send a text to 80360**

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING Easygoing Irish male, 60, 5'8'', medium build, N/S, living in Wimbledon, likes rock music, cars and pub lunches, would like to meet a friendly woman, to share life with. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 157185 or send a text to 80360**

DROP ME A LINE Youthful Croydon chap, 61, slim build, 5'8'', GSOH, enjoys pubs, countryside, fishing, modern and 60s music, seeking a similar outgoing and warm female, for friendship and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112227**

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LOVE IS OUT THERE Presentable, young-at-heart, solvent Walton male, 65, 6ft, slim build, N/S, retired, GSOH, seeking a feminine, modern lady, for friendship and hopefully a loving relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 159931 or send a text to 80360**

KEEP ME COMPANY Understanding, reliable, Kingston Upon Thames man, 65, retired. Would like to meet a romantic woman who is also retired, 60-70, for company, friendship and hopefully a long term relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 163335 or send a text to 80360**

BEST THINGS IN LIFE Divorced Caterham guy, 65, N/S, 5'11'', easygoing and considerate, enjoys cooking, theatre, sport, dining and travel, seeking a bubbly, positive and caring lady, for laughs & enjoying life. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 112226**

PICK-ME-UP Happy and solvent Surrey male, 66, own home and car, divorced, enjoys 60s music, bowling and cooking, seeking a vibrant, sincere lady, to share a happy life together. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 101747**

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100% YOURS Young-at-heart, loving, sincere, 68 year old Sutton male, enjoys dancing, cosy night in, dining out and in and walks. Would like to meet a female for happiness and hopefully everlasting love. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 164306 or send a text to 80360**

PLEASED TO MEET YOU Honest, caring, genuine Sutton male, 68, enjoys dancing, good sense of humour, looking to meet a nice, genuine female, for company and laughter and hopefully a long term relationship in time. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 164315 or send a text to 80360**

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CLASSIC GENT Friendly, sociable, smart Carshalton man, 73, own car, enjoys all types of music and occasional drinks at the pub, would like to meet a modern lady, between 60-70, for good conversation and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 150220 or send a text to 80360**

NOT QUITE PAST IT! Retired, professional Hampton male, 75, GSOH, solvent, N/S, enjoys gardening, cooking, walks and meals in or out, searching for a similar female, positive with GSOH, for company and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 127526 or send a text to 80360**

HAPPINESS INTO YOUR LIFE Friendly, easygoing, genuine Dorking male, 76, likes country and 60s music, pub lunches and animals, would like to meet an attractive, trendy woman, age 60-70, for fun, friendship and more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 157490 or send a text to 80360**

LOOKING FOR ANOTHER Kind, sensitive, adventurous, creative Walton-on-Thames girl, 39, looking to meet a woman, 29-50, who likes music, art, cinema, going to concerts, animals, travel, for friendship, dating and relationship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 161212 or send a text to 80360**

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FRIENDSHIP ONLY Straight, decent, witty London mother, 50, N/S, loves dancing, wine bars, the cinema and watching sports, seeking a like-minded female, for friendship and days out. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 148845 or send a text to 80360**

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU Fit, tall, genuine Leatherhead male, 51, bi-sexual, divorced, 6ft, polite, sincere, would like to meet a like-minded male, intelligent and active, for fun and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 132398**

A NEW START Down-to-earth, happy, 58 year old bisexual Surrey male, 6'3'', medium build. Would like to meet a like-minded male for fun times and maybe romance. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 164001 or send a text to 80360**

GENUINE YOU Bi male, 63, would like to meet similar male for fun and friendship. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 152831 or send a text to 80360**

CHEER ME UP Friendly, bisexual Hampton man, 64, enjoys social drinks with friends and days out, would like to meet a similar man, for fun times, cosy evenings in together and maybe more. **Call 0905 005 2490 and enter box number 150356 or send a text to 80360**

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Inheritance woes

Well-off residents leave loved ones with unexpected tax bills

Affluent residents in the south east could face unexpected tax bills on their estate because they have no awareness of the inheritance tax threshold.

The latest Trends in Wealth Report: Heir today, gone tomorrow by Close Brothers Asset Management shows nearly half of those liable for inheritance tax on their personal assets in he south east don't know the correct threshold.

The amount paid in inheritance tax is predicted to climb by 60 per cent by 20191. With the threshold currently frozen at £325,000 and with assets such as property rising in value, the number of Britons set to fall into the threshold is forecast to double from 21,000 in 2012 to 42,000 by 2016/172. Yet despite the importance of inheritance tax planning, knowledge of tax-saving measures is by no means uniform among those whose estates are over the threshold.

Awareness of the seven-year gift rule was the strongest, yet 18 per cent of affluent respondents in the south east were completely unaware of this legitimate exemption. There was significantly less awareness of the Business Property Relief, with 70 per cent unaware of this tax-saving measure – a greater lack of awareness than the UK average (66 per cent).

This is reflected by the number of people who have yet to address the issue of estate planning. More than a third (37 per cent) of those with assets over the threshold in the south east have not put any plans in place to protect their wealth, compared to 34 per cent across the UK. Worryingly, almost the same amount (35 per cent) of affluent residents in the south east do not believe they need to do anything to protect their assets.

The research suggests that despite their exposure to inheritance tax, 47 per cent of the affluent respondents in the region have never sought professional advice from a lawyer, accountant or financial planner, higher than the UK average. Moreover, 16 per cent have never discussed passing on their wealth with anyone at all, the highest level in the UK.

Patrick Haines, regional head of advice at Close Brothers Asset Management, said: "When it comes to personal finances, those looking to pass on their wealth cannot let inheritance fall under the radar. It can only be ignored for so long. With £75bn being inherited in the UK every two years, large sums of family wealth are left unnecessarily exposed to tax. A combination of planning inertia and a general lack of awareness is to blame, but it is crucial that those who will see their estates subject to the tax understand their liability."

● The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) estimates that with the inheritance tax threshold frozen at £325,000, the Treasury's tax take will climb by 60 per cent in the next five years, climbing from an estimated £3.5bn in 2013/14 to £5.6bn in 2018/19.

● Grant Thornton forecasts that the number affected by the tax will double by 2016/17, rising 21,000 last year to 42,000.

● The seven-year rule allows gifts made to individuals to remain exempt from inheritance tax as long as the person lives for seven years after making the gift.

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2) Property in poor state of repair **63**
3) No garden **57**
4) Bad smells **56**
5) No parking **56**
6) Poor natural light, dark rooms **54**
7) Unfinished building work **54**
8) Small rooms **51**
9) Small kitchen **44**
10) Bad DIY **43 per cent**
11) Dirty house **37**
12) Stone cladding or pebble dash **31**
13) Outdated bathroom **25**
14) Outdated kitchen **25**
15) Artex or textured ceilings **18**
16) Plastic windows **18**
17) Overgrown garden **16**
18) General untidiness **16**
19) Cluttered rooms **15**
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Ben Wilson, from Gocompare.com home insurance said: "Buying a home is one of the biggest financial commitments many of us will make and most potential buyers will want to think that the property they are buying has been looked after.

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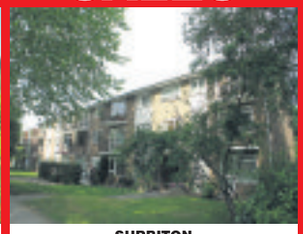

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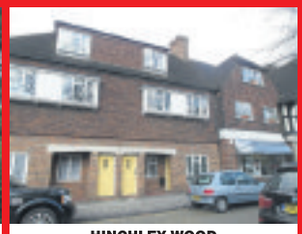

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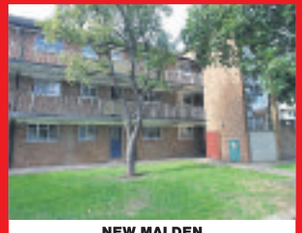

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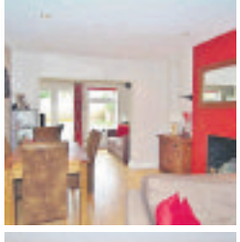

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The A3 and A205 GLA Roads (Tolworth Rise North, Malden Way and Upper Richmond Road, Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames and London Borough of Wandsworth) (Temporary Prohibition of Stopping) Order 2014

1. Transport for London hereby gives notice that it intends to make the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
2. The purpose of the Order is to enable abnormal load transportation works to take place at A3 Tolworth Rise North, Malden Way and A205 Upper Richmond Road.
3. The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from stopping on:
   (1) A3 Tolworth Rise North and Malden Way service road fronting Perak Court and Nos. 185 to 283 Malden Way between their junctions with Elmbridge Avenue and South Lane;
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   The Order will be between 15th March 2014 and 16th March 2014 each day from 8:00 AM to 11:59 PM or when the works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibitions will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
4. The prohibitions will not apply in respect of:
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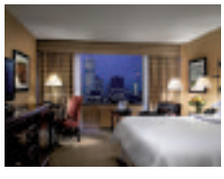

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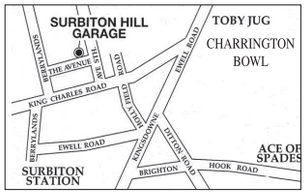

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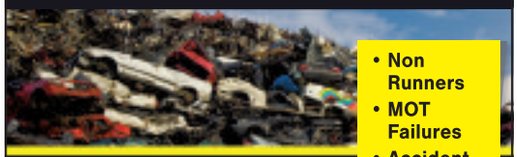

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Reading dish it out to Surbiton

Surbiton Hockey Club's men failed to extend their lead over play-off rivals Wimbledon, after going down 5-3 at Reading.

Goals from Matt Daly, *pictured*, Chris Grassick and Alan Forsyth were not enough for the visitors.

They remain in the play-offs, in fourth, but the result means their lead over fifth-placed Wimbledon stays at two points heading into the final four games.

Surbiton face Loughborough Students this Sunday.

More sport: kingstonguardian.co.uk

Leveller: Pico Gomez, right, celebrates scoring Casuals' equaliser against Merstham SP83255

Casuals fail to kick on

Struggling Corinthian Casuals failed to follow up last week's Ryman Division One South win over Ramsgate as they crashed 3-1 at home to Merstham on Saturday.

Pico Gomez levelled things up in the second half after the visitors took a 36th minute lead through Fabio Saraiva.

Aaron Rhule struck twice in the last 20 minutes to secure the three points.

Close: Danny Green forces a smart save from the Merstham keeper SP83255

Ks strikers need back up

by STUART AMOS
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Kingstonian striker Ryan Moss has called for more back up in the goals department.

The 27-year-old has fired 19 goals for Ks this term, while fellow frontman Andre McCollin has bagged 23 to form one of the Ryman Premier League's most potent strike forces.

The former Hampton & Richmond Borough frontman scored his third goal of 2014 to put his side 2-0 up at struggling Thamesmead Town after Josh Casey had given his side the lead.

But the hosts hit back to level the match with two goals in the closing 10 minutes.

Moss and McCollin have shouldered much of the goalscoring responsibilities for most of this term and the former is only too aware the rest of the squad need to up their game.

"It is our job to score. We have been prolific this season and that is what we need to keep doing," he said last week.

"It would be nice if someone could chip in too.

"That is one thing we have talked about. We have probably lacked goals in other areas.

"You usually expect your centre halves to get one or two, or get some from the wing or centre midfield areas.

"But me and Andre have taken responsibility. As long as we keep scoring and we keep winning I guess it doesn't really matter."

Ks ended a run of three straight home defeats with a 1-0 win over Wingate & Finchley last week, and Moss reckons it is time for fans to keep the faith.

"We are a young squad. There are some really young lads in the team – me and Andre are the oldest," added Moss.

"Some of the older players have won leagues before and it would be nice to go up again.

"We've got games coming up where we can get points, because we have played a lot of the better teams in this league."

Ks host Billericay Town on Saturday.

Back of the net: Josh Casey scored his third goal for Ks on Saturday

Surbiton success no surprise to coach

Surbiton's ladies are hell-bent on lifting the WHL Premier Division title and it comes as no surprise to director of hockey Brett Garrard, *writes Stuart Amos*.

The former GB international added the women's head coach role to his job description four years ago, with the specific aim of getting them into the top flight and challenging for silverware.

The ladies, currently in the play-off places, have since secured promotion to the top flight and recruited a host of past and present internationals, during his spell in charge.

Garrard has urged his women's squad to make the most of their opportunity to secure the title and wants their success to inspire the Thames Ditton club's next generation.

"I took on the women's coaching with the idea of getting them up to the same level as the men and they are pretty much there now," said the Reeds School hockey coach.

"We have been working towards this for a long time.

"There has been a huge number of players that have made an impact in the time I've been in charge.

"We took the decision to introduce a number of younger players into the playing squad and we have made progress.

"We are giving the younger players role models to aspire to and we are in a good place."

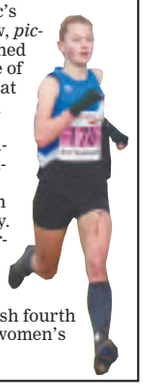
Back: Surbiton, without injured captain Sarah Haycroft, return to league action at the University of Birmingham on Saturday

SPORTS*brief*

RUGBY UNION: Second-placed KCS Old Boys closed the gap on London Division Three South West leaders Farnham to eight points with a 35-22 win over Purley John Fisher, while Surrey One leaders Old Tiffinians lost their unbeaten record with a 22-12 defeat at Old Tonbridgians. KCS host New Milton & District this week, while Tiffs go to Battersea Ironsides and Surrey One bottom club Kingston go to Old Walcountians.

SKIING: Darcie Mead was back on the slopes at the weekend to take 10th place in the giant slalom at the English Alpine Championships in Italy. The Kingston skier was the highest placed Brit, finishing 3.42secs behind the winner from Slovenia, Nina Znidar.

ATHLETICS: Kingston AC & Polytechnic's Phoebe Law, *pictured*, finished just outside of the medals at the English National Cross Country Championships in Nottingham on Saturday. The 17-year-old clocked 18 minutes four seconds to finish fourth in the U17 women's race.



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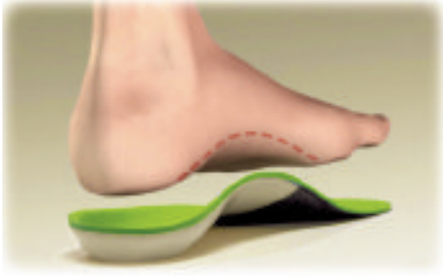

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